

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 1-20 and 114-115. Favorable action is requested for new claim 116.

Claims 1-2, 20, and 114-115 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,862,446 to *Ringdal*. Claims 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ringdal*. Claims 6-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ringdal* in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,144,827 to *Boutwell*.

The applicants note that, although the claims of the present application have been amended, the applicants maintain that the points set out in the Official Action are incorrect. However, because it is submitted that those points are moot in view of the amendments made herein, those points will not be addressed further.

Ringdal discloses a cartridge with a plastic casing body having a radial partition wall 6 therein and, therefore, does not disclose a cartridge casing body forming an open tube between the first end and the second end as recited in claims 1-20 and 114-115 of the present application. The partition wall is necessary to anchor the projectile and is necessary to the proper functioning of the cartridge of *Ringdal*. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have removed the partition wall 6 because to do so would risk improperly positioning the projectile or permitting the projectile to fall out or fit loosely.¹ Accordingly, the claims of the present application are not anticipated by and define

¹The same can be said for recently uncovered CH 326592 to *Ringdal* which also discloses cartridges with radial partition walls 7 and 7'.

patentably over *Ringdal*. *Boutwell* cures none of the defects of *Ringdal* and the claims also define patentably over *Ringdal* in view of *Boutwell*.

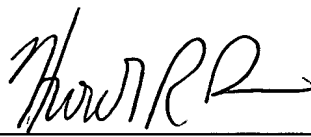
It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims, claims 1-20 and 114-116, are in condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

If the Examiner should be of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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